

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11 (cancelled)

12. (new): An information recording medium comprising:
a reproduce-only area in which first record information is recorded not to be unreproducible along with a reproduction operation; and

a number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area in which second record information is recorded to be unreproducible along with a predetermined number of times of reproduction operations,

the second record information being associated with the first record information, information which indicates association of the second record information and the first record information being recorded in said reproduce-only area.

13. (new): The information recording medium according to claim 12, wherein the second record information includes content information which is reproduced after reproduction of the first record information.

14. (new): An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing the first and second record information recorded on the information recording medium according to claim 12,

said information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a reproducing device for reproducing the first and second record information;

a controlling device for controlling said reproducing device to reproduce the second record information associated with the first record information after reproduction of the first record information; and

a judging device for detecting whether or not there is the second record information recorded in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area and for judging whether or not reproduction of the first record information corresponding to the second record information is completed.

15. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said judging device controls said reproducing device to displace laser for reproduction in a direction of crossing a record track in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area, and detects whether or not there is the second record information, on the basis of a reproduction signal obtained from said reproducing device within a time length in which the laser for reproduction is displaced.

16. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said judging device detects whether or not there is the second record information, on the basis of the number of the record tracks crossed when said reproducing device is displaced.

17. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said judging device controls said reproducing device to reproduce the second record information in a predetermined order, and detects whether or not there is the second record information, on the basis of a reproduction signal obtained from said reproducing device.

18. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the predetermined order is descending order from a large address to a small address.

19. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said judging device detects whether or not there is the second record information, in order of logically reproducing the first record information, if judging whether or not the reproduction of the first record information is completed.

20. (new): An information reproducing method in an information reproducing apparatus comprising: a reproducing device for reproducing the first and second record information recorded on the information recording medium according to claim 12,

said information reproducing method comprising:

a controlling process of controlling said reproducing device to reproduce the second record information corresponding to the first record information after reproduction of the first record information; and

a judging process of detecting whether or not there is the second record information recorded in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area and of judging whether or not the reproduction of the first record information corresponding to the second record information is completed.

21. (new): The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said information recording medium comprises a plurality of number-of-times-of-reproduction limit areas, and each of a plurality of said reproduce-only area is disposed between the plurality of number-of-times-of-reproduction limit areas.